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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Washington D.C. 20243

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION

## APPLICATION — PART 1

(Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application form has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the appropriate State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

## PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: 46-56½ John Street (John Street Rowhouses)Address of property Street 46-56½ John StreetCity Westminster County Carroll State Maryland Zip Code 21157Name of historic district in which property is located Westminster National Register Hist. Dist.2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE: The property is located on the south side of  
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

John Street and is surrounded by open paved areas used by adjoining commercial businesses. Three duplex houses and one single family house, constructed as middle-class rental housing between 1866 and 1884, are sited close together and sit up against the sidewalk.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

(use reverse side if necessary) The Westminster Historic District is significant because it depicts the evolution and development of a rural county seat and contains excellent examples of vernacular architecture through the 19th and early 20th centuries. 46-56½ John Street contributes to the

Date of construction (if known) pre-1884 ☒ Original site ☐ Moved Date of alterations (if known) none

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER: Owner by contract purchase:

Name Russell ArkinStreet 1120 Connecticut Ave. N.W. Suite 270City Washington, D.C. State D.C. Zip Code 20036Telephone Number (during day) Area Code (202) 872-0010

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature [Signature] Date 11/1/83

## For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and ☒ contributes ☐ does not contribute to the character of the district.The structure ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6) and ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).The structure is located in a district which ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6). ☐ will likely ☐ will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60) and ☐ appears ☐ does not appear to contribute to the character of the district.Signature [Signature]  
State Historic Preservation OfficerDate 12-20-83

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and is subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954.

☐ is hereby certified a historic structure☐ does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheetSignature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of the National Register

The massing and scale of the structures and details such as the concrete stoops project an overall appearance of urban rowhouse dwellings that is atypical of Westminster's streetscape. The three duplexes are two-stories with a T-shaped gable roof over a square plan. The structures are frame on fieldstone foundations and covered with bead-edge weatherboard with cornerboards. The main facade is four bays wide with entrances in the outer bays of the first story (the duplexes are split into two units down the middle of the structure). The entrances have a 3-pane inset transom and wooden doors with 5 horizontal beveled panels. Trim on the window and door frames is quarter-round molding. 2-over-2 sash windows are in the middle two bays of the first story and the four bays of the second story. The sides have 4-pane windows in the gable and a single 2-over-2 sash window on each floor towards the rear of the facade. The rear of each duplex has a one-story shed roof addition that was added in the early 20th century in order to add plumbing to the house. The houses have a molded cornice that returns at the ends and modern roofing material (2 have sheet metal; 1 has asphalt shingles). Brick chimney stacks rise interior end at each gable end. The single family house is similar to the duplex in appearance but differs in several details. It is two stories with a gable roof but is slightly shorter than the duplexes. It is built of identical materials except that it is on a brick foundation. The three bay facade has a central entrance. 6-over-6 sash windows are in the outer two bays of the first story and the three bays of the second story. A square brick chimney stack rises from the center of the roof and a rectangular stack rises in the rear. The south side of the rear of the house has an inset double-tiered porch. The interiors have two room plans with enclosed stairs forming the partition wall between the rooms. Interior trim includes molded window and door frames and molded baseboards.

# 3. Statement of Significance (cont.)

District as an excellent example of late 19th century vernacular residential rental architecture and it is probably one of the first complexes of such buildings in the town. Westminster developed with strong Pennsylvania German cultural characteristics in its town plan and architecture. The normal pattern was single family houses along Main Street, frequently with a business in a portion of the ground floor. As the town prospered, some rental construction occurred but usually as a single family residence or a single duplex. 46-56½ John Street departed from this tradition and paved the way for rowhouse and similar construction within the community. The area around John, Bond, and Carroll Streets that developed during the late 19th and early 20th century is almost the sole area in Westminster with this type of construction. The map submitted with the Westminster National Register Historic District nomination designates 46-56½ John Street with a "B" which means that the property is "Contributing to the character of the district" (see attached Map No. 2). -- Rehabilitation of this property will restore the features of its architecture that make it significant to the historic district.



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